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Mr. George Tenet
Staff Director
Select Committee on Intelligence
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Tenet:

This is in response to the Chairman's 8 September 1988 letter to the Director. The Director is pleased that we have been able to reach agreement with the Committee with respect to providing the Committee's Audit Unit the annual work plan for the Audit Staff in the Office of Inspector General.


With respect to the provision of summaries of intelligence activities reported to the Intelligence Oversight Board (IOB), it appears to me that these summaries will duplicate to a large degree the reporting that the Director must make regarding the activities of the Inspector General under the provisions of the Intelligence Authorization Act for 1989. These latter reporting provisions were still being drafted by the Committee at the time the Director last wrote to the Committee on this subject on 1 March.

Now that the reporting requirements mandated by the Intelligence Authorization Act are in place, it would seem to us redundant and unnecessary for CIA to produce two separate reports covering the same period. To avoid this duplication, I propose that when the Director provides to the Committee the semi-annual report specified in the Intelligence Authorization Act, he will include within that report a summary of any intelligence activities that violate any applicable law of the United States, any Executive Order or Presidential Directive, or significant violation of a rule or regulation issued

pursuant to law, and which have also been reported to the IOB. Our first report will be provided to you at the end of this calander year.

I trust that the Committee will find this arrangement acceptable.

Sincerely,


John L. Helgerson
Director of Congressional Affairs

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